

Meeting Notes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, August 29, 2007
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Parkside, Missoula, MT
TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Council Members- Louie Bouma, Ed Greef, Edward Hebbe III, Rich Lane, John Manley, Chris Marchion, Pat O'Herren, Jack Reneau, Pelah Hoyt for Tim Aldrich.

Staff- Mack Long, Lee Bastian, Vivaca Crowser, Jeff Darrah, Pat Saffel, Ginny Schmutz, Dianne Schmutz, Mike Thompson, Wardens, and Wildlife Biologists

Guests- Senator Greg Lind, Susan Reneau, Dennis Bragg (sp) of KPAX TV, Brian Giddings of FWP,

Participants – Larry Peterman, FWP Chief of Field Operations, Sue Daly, FWP Chief of Finance, Helena; Carolyn Sime, FWP Statewide Wolf Coordinator, Helena; Quentin Kujala, FWP Wildlife Biologist, Helena.

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Mack opened the meeting by welcoming members, guests and staff and providing an update on:

1. Poker Joe Fishing Access Site.
Legal resolution of an on-gong problem is in process.
2. Fire and Drought Status
3. Drought restrictions were lifted on part of Monture Creek, and part of the Blackfoot River.
4. Season opener in the back country as related to fire conditions.
Some areas may still have fire restrictions. Contact will be made with permit holders.
5. River Recreation Advisory For Tomorrow (RRAFT)
Committee consists of 17 citizens with varied interests from all areas of Region 2, and representatives from Missoula County, Missoula County Sheriff's Office, University of Montana, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Carolyn Sime and Quentin Kujala presented a wolf program describing how wolf management in FWP has evolved and what management questions need to be addressed in the future, especially if hunting and trapping are used as management tools.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm

Minutes Approved by Mack Long